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FOREIGN NEWS ON APPLES

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THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

The demand for high grade apples was a little better on the Liverpool auction Wednesday, January 8, according to a cable received in the Foreign Service from Mr. F. A. Motz, the Department of Agriculture's fruit specialist in Europe. Supplies of both barreled and boxed apples were light. The general condition of the American fruit was good but there is still too much low grade fruit on the market. Most of this is Canadian. Canadian apples were in more liberal supply than American. The demand for most varieties of apples offered was moderate, but Yorks met a good demand and made better prices than last week. The U.S. No. 1;  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inch grade sold at the same price as it did a year ago. Virginia Albemarle Pippins were quoted at about \$8.27 per barrel for the U.S. No. 2,  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inch grade. This was the best price made on the auction for barreled apples. New York Rhode Island Greenings sold at considerably less than they did at this time a year ago. Canadian barreled apples sold mostly from \$2.92 to \$4.38 per barrel, although the price range was between \$1.46 and \$5.84 per barrel.

At London barreled and boxed apples were in light supply, demand was improving and the general condition of the fruit was good. U.S. No. 1,  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inch Yorks sold at from \$6.08 to \$6.57; U.S. Commercial  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inch at \$5.60 to \$6.08. Winesaps from Virginia were in generally fair condition, good condition U.S. No. 2,  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inch fruit sold at from \$5.08 to \$6.33 per barrel. These prices are a little lower than those received at Liverpool. Oregon Spitzenbergs were in light supply and met a moderate demand. Extra fancy, 150/163/175, sold at about \$2.86 per box and the Extra fancy, 186/smaller grade, made about \$2.80.

The Empire Marketing Board reports supplies afloat to arrive in Great Britain next week from Canada and the United States total 60,800 barrels and 9,700 boxes from Atlantic ports, 90 per cent of which are of Canadian origin. Shipments of South African deciduous fruits are the heaviest on record for this time of year, 87,000 boxes are expected next week. This is three times greater than last year's arrivals for the same period. This fruit is arriving in excellent condition. Spanish and Jaffa oranges are also arriving in large quantities and selling at extremely low prices.

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## Price paid for American fruit on the Liverpool auction

Variety, grade and origin		Price		
		1929		1930
		Jan 9	Dec 30	Jan 8
<u>APPLES</u>	<u>BARRELS</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
York Imperial, Virginia:				
U.S. No.1, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....		6.57-7.06	6.08-6.57	6.57-7.06
U.S. Commercial, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch min....		---	5.60-6.08	5.35-5.84
U.S. No. 2, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....		---	---	5.35-5.84
Unclassified, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....		---	4.38-4.87	5.35-5.84
Ben Davis, Virginia:				
U.S. No.1, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....		5.84-6.57	---	5.60-5.96
U.S. No. 2, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....		---	---	4.62-5.11
Unclassified, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....		---	---	4.87-5.35
Winesap, Virginia:				
U.S. No. 2, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....		---	---	6.33-6.81
Unclassified, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....		---	---	6.08-6.33
Albermarle Pipoin, Virginia:				
U.S. No. 2, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....		a/7.06-8.03	---	8.27
Unclassified, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....		---	---	6.81-7.54
Rhode Island Greening, New York:				
U.S. No. 1, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch min.....		6.45	---	5.35
	<u>BOXES</u>			
Winesap, Washington:				
Extra fancy 150/163/175.....		---	2.43-2.68	2.80
Extra fancy 188/smaller.....		---	1.95-2.68	2.68
Fancy 150/163/175.....		---	---	2.68
Fancy 188/smaller.....		---	---	2.43-2.55
<u>PEARS</u>	<u>BOXES</u>			
Bartlett, California.....		---	---	3.53-3.65
Keiffer, Colorado.....		---	---	b/ 2.55

NOTE: Quotations are for fruit in good condition unless otherwise noted.  
a/ Badly scalded.                      b/ London price.